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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Leader of Neo-Nazi Group Under Investigation

(U) A prominent white supremacist propagandist and alleged leader of “the Bowl Patrol” who once claimed to have influenced the Pittsburgh synagogue shooter is under investigation by authorities in California, a law enforcement official said on 27 July. Court documents show that on 15 July authorities served a search warrant and seized four objects from Andrew Casarez’s Orangevale, California, home; a 9 mm handgun, a gun case with two empty magazines, a pair of gray jeans and a “black Tee-shirt with skull and crossbones with a bowl cut hairpiece on top.” The Sacramento Sheriff’s Department obtained the order earlier this month after anti-fascist researchers published a report exposing Casarez’s role as the pseudonymous leader of a fascist group that advocates acts of domestic terror targeting minorities. SOURCE: 27 July 2020, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) San Diego – Law Enforcement Interdicts Boat, Seizes 82-Pounds of Methamphetamine

(U) A San Diego Joint Harbor operation stopped a boat traveling from Mexico towards the California coast that was found attempting to smuggle 14 Mexican nationals and 82-pounds of methamphetamine into California. The boat capsized while attempting to flee and all people, materials, and boat were successfully retrieved from the ocean.

SOURCE: 27 July 2020, [CBP Press Release](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Authorities Shut Down Kidnapping Gang Operated by Prison Inmate

(U) Mexico City – A joint operation by Mexico City and State authorities resulted in the arrest of eight people allegedly involved in a criminal gang responsible for several kidnappings and led by a man behind bars in Mexico City. Officials say the gang’s ringleader is Polo “El Hardy” Páez Medina, 27, currently serving a prison term. The other seven members allegedly took orders from Páez and were involved in contacting victims, carrying out the kidnappings, sending videos to the victims’ families, and collecting ransoms in multiple payments in various bank accounts.

SOURCE: 27 July 2020, [Mexico News Daily](#)

(U) Mexico – Second Shipment of Fentanyl in Medical Capsules Seized

(U) Mexico City – In a sign that Mexican traffickers may be having a harder time obtaining fentanyl, a second shipment of medicinal fentanyl in glass capsules has been seized, Mexican officials announced on 27 July. Evidence suggests they may have been diverted from a lab, pharmacy, or hospital. Mexican cartels have traditionally received bulk shipments of the powerful synthetic opioid, or the precursor chemicals used to make it, from Asian countries in shipping containers. However, lockdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic appear to have temporarily dampened that source. The fentanyl seizure occurred at a package shipment facility in the central state of Puebla, far from the seaports where the drug has traditionally arrived.

SOURCE: 27 July 2020, [AP](#)

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(U) Texas – Joint Enforcement Action Apprehends 26 in Stash House Raid

(U) Laredo – A joint operation during an immigration inspection at a residence discovered 26 individuals in the US illegally. All individuals were from Mexico and were taken into custody. The US Border Patrol identified that despite the COVID-19 global pandemic, traffickers continue to place people in stash house locations without any personal protective equipment, hygiene considerations, or social distancing protocols.

SOURCE: 27 July 2020, [CBP Press Release](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Ohio – Man Fatally Shot, Another Stabbed in Motor Cycle Gang Fight

(U) Valley View – A fight between two motorcycle gangs ended with one gang member stabbed and another fatally shot at a gas station, officials said. Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation spokesman Steve Irwin said the fight involved members of the motorcycle gangs the Mongols and the Hell's Angels.

SOURCE: 27 July 2020, [Cleveland.com](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – Nine-Month Long Gang Investigation Leads to 11 Arrests

(U) Winnipeg – The Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) investigated a series of 2019 homicides and illicit drug trafficking incidents and made 11 arrests, seized 5 kilograms of cocaine, \$190,000 in Canadian currency, and illicit drug trafficking related objects-according to a 27 July statement by the WPS. Historically, the WPS has not had many gang or illicit drug trafficking related incidents.

SOURCE: 26 July 2020, [The Province](#)

(U) Israel – Hizballah Attacks Israeli Target in Shebaa Farms

(U) Jerusalem – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israeli forces thwarted an attempt by Hizballah to infiltrate across the Lebanon frontier on 27 July, which the Iranian-backed Shi'ite group has denied. Hizballah, which last fought a war with Israel in 2006, denied that its forces tried to cross the frontier and said in a statement that the Shebaa Farms incident was "one-sided".

SOURCE: 27 July 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) South Sudan – 28 Killed, 10 Children Abducted in South Sudan Civil Conflict

(U) Juba – 28 people were killed, 10 children abducted, and about 19 others were injured when heavily armed men from the Murle ethnic group attacked members of the Dinka Bor ethnic group, according to Mabior Mawut, South Sudan's acting Commissioner. The attack is part of a long line of revenge killings between various ethnic groups across the volatile East African nation. The attacks, which have occurred for centuries, include cattle raiding, and the abduction of children to be used as domestic slaves.

SOURCE: 28 July 2020, [The Herald - Nigeria](#)

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